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members of the CID in Baghdad went to Basra during the two weeks prior to 26 September 1949 and arrested 'Abdullah Tornachi, as well as eleven other persons. According to informant, Tornachi was the Communist who was second in command in 25×1× area.

information which led to the arrest of two brothers, Abd-al-Dafter and Meeran Dafter, goldsmiths in Basra; they were taken to Bachded for court martial.

as a leading Basra Communist was 'Ali Shaban, a laborer employed by the Basra Petroleum Company. Shaban, however, escaped the police and has not yet been apprehended.

4. After the arrests in Basra, the CID visited other liwas and cities in southern Iraq and made additional arrests, also upon information supplied by Watban. Two Communists were arrested in Amara and two more in Nasiriya. An unspecified number of arrests also were made in Hilla.



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